

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 20, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 1 – 4 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended solely to more clearly recite the present invention and to expedite prosecution of the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,101,712 to Wright. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Wright reference does not teach or suggest a method of mounting a connector to a coaxial cable in which a coaxial cable displacement contact is inserted into the coaxial cable at a position that is laterally offset from an inner conductor of the cable and receives an outer conductor of the cable in a receiving slot that is laterally offset from the inner conductor. The Wright reference discloses a conductive ground shell 12 which includes a leg 80 "for engaging and disengaging the ground wire braid 32." (Col. 3, l. 49) The legs 80 are inserted through passage 50 until each leg portion 104 engages the cable 30. As is clearly illustrated in Figure 5, the leg 80 includes two leg portions 104, which may arguably form a slot therebetween. It is also clear from Figure 5 that the leg portions 104 surround the center conductor 34 and that the ground braid (which corresponds to an outer conductor in the present invention and which is represented by the middle ring but is not numbered in Figure 5) is simply pierced by the "v" portion of the leg 80.

As such, it is clear that Wright neither teaches nor suggests inserting a coaxial cable displacement contact at a position laterally offset from an inner conductor and which receives an outer conductor in a receiving slot that is laterally offset from the inner conductor.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 2 and the claims dependent upon them are patentably distinct from the applied reference. It is respectfully requested that the examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection and issue a notice of allowance at the earliest possible time.

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If the examiner has any questions regarding the presently pending claims which could be easily resolved by a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' representative at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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